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SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

of the

ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Report of the Subcommittee for the Fiscal Year 1965

1. During the Fiscal Year 1965 no formal meeting of the Subcommittee on Transportation was held, although the mechanism still exists whereby formal meetings can be convened when requested by any member. In its place, and in response to the need for interagency review, a highly satisfactory working level liaison and coordination function was maintained throughout the year by informal contacts, particularly between the Departments of State and Defense, the National Security Agency, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

2. The decision to coordinate on an informal basis with other member agencies, rather than maintaining liaison through the formal mechanism of the Subcommittee was dictated by the high priority tasks imposed on the transportation intelligence community, particularly those associated with the war in South Vietnam. Adherence to the informal meeting mechanism would have required the expenditure of large number of man hours and would have worked a hardship on the members not directly concerned with many of these high priority tasks.

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3. As the pressure of higher priority intelligence research requirements abates, it is hoped that the Subcommittee will make further progress with the program as outlined in the EIC Handbook and in the Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee. In the meantime it is the policy of the Subcommittee to convene meetings upon the request of any member when it is deemed appropriate or necessary.